

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The present application was filed on February 24, 2002, with original claims 1-37, 36(2), 37(2) and 38-58. In a previous amendment, the claims were renumbered as claims 1-60. By this amendment, claims 1, 6, 11, 20, 30, and 34 have been amended and claims 7, 15-19, 29, and 42-58 have been cancelled without prejudice. The claims remaining in consideration are claims 1-6, 8-14, 20-28, and 30-41.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-8, 15, 29-31, and 42 contained allowable subject matter. This is noted with appreciation.

Claim 7 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Claims 2-5 and 9-10 are ultimately dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 and 9-10 are allowable.

Claim 6 has been put into independent form.

Claim 15 has been incorporated into independent claim 11. Claims 12-14 are dependent upon independent claim 11. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 11 and dependent claims 12-14 are allowable.

Claim 29 has been incorporated into independent claim 20. Claims 21-28 are dependent upon independent claim 29. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 29 and dependent claims 21-28 are allowable.

Claim 42 has been incorporated into independent claim 34. Claims 35-41 are dependent upon independent claim 42. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 42 and dependent claims 35-41 are allowable.

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All of the Examiner's objections and rejections having been made moot or successfully traversed, applicants respectfully assert that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned at the number below.

If any additional fees become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.

Respectfully submitted

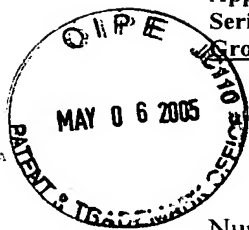
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